

[27th August 1926]

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ It does not follow, Sir, from the answer given, that wherever these members are appointed the Adi-Dravida community will be deprived of their seats.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ May I know whether they represent only the backward communities? I mean the barbers and washermen, as apart from the depressed classes.”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ Wherever a particular community is considered to be more important than another, a member is nominated from that community.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ May I know whether they take the population of the community into consideration when they make such nominations to local boards? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ All those things are taken into consideration before nominations are made.”

*Appointment of one Madon to Kayalpatnam Union Board.*

\* 2366 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : With reference to question No. 521, answered before the meeting of 28th October 1925 will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Adi-Dravida by name Madon of Kayalpatnam was already appointed as a member to represent the depressed classes to the Kayalpatnam Union Board, Tinnevely district, if not, why not?

A.—No. The Government understand that there has been no vacancy among the nominated members of the Kayalpatnam Union Board since they advised the appointment of an Adi-Dravida.

*Nominations to the South Kanara District Board.*

\* 2367 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased—

(a) to place before the House a statement of the names of Indian Christians on the District Boards and Taluk Boards of South Kanara, Malabar, Coimbatore, Nilgiris and Salem districts as they stood on 1st April 1926 showing their religion and sect—Catholic, Protestant or Syrian Christian; and

(b) to state (i) whether the Indian Christian Civic League of South Kanara recommended in 1925-26 the name of a Protestant as well as a Catholic for a likely vacancy of a seat of an Indian Christian and (ii) why two Roman Catholics were nominated by Government while there was already a Catholic elected member on the Board in preference to the Protestant candidate?

A.—(a) A statement<sup>a</sup> furnishing the information required is placed on the table.

(b) (i) No such recommendation is traceable.

(ii) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clause (d) of question No. 1934.